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June 20, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 Twelfth Street S.W. Room 5-A225 Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: FCC FORM 481 – CARRIER ANNUAL REPORTING DATA COLLECTION CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NO. 14-58, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FILED IN DOCKET 14-58) AND CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION FILED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS .457 AND .459 OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RULES

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Cass Telephone Company (Cass) hereby submits the attached redacted and confidential versions of its "FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection" financial information pursuant to sections §54.313 and §54.422 of the Commission's rules, as filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company.

Section 3005 of Form 481 requires the filing of financial information per 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2). Cass maintains that this information is "Confidential Financial Information" on the grounds that it is competitively sensitive information which could be used to disadvantage or harm Cass, and is submitting this information pursuant to Protective Order, DA 16-296 as described below. In addition, Cass is requesting confidential treatment pursuant to sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules for the 2015 Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report that is required by section 54.313(a)(1) to be attached to this report. Similar to the financial information submitted under section 54.313(f)(2), the information contained in the 2015 Service Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report contains competitively sensitive information, including but not limited to projected build-out plans and capital expenditures, that is secure from public access that could be used by a competitor to disadvantage or harm Cass.

First, Cass is submitting the 54.313(f)(2) "Confidential Financial Information" as a "Stamped Confidential Document" with each page bearing the legend CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, and also submitting the .457 and .459 "Confidential Financial Information" as a "Stamped Confidential Document" with each page labeled "CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION". The original and one copy of the "Stamped Confidential Document(s)" and accompanying cover letter are enclosed.

Second, Cass is submitting the "Stamped Confidential Document(s)" as a "Redacted Confidential Document" where the "Confidential Financial Information" has been redacted. The original and one copy of the "Redacted Confidential Document(s)" and accompanying cover letter with each page labeled "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION" are enclosed.

FCC Form 481 also will be filed prior to July 1st with the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Please contact me with any questions you have on this filing.

Sincerely,

Annifer Brue

Jennifer Brue

Accounting Department Cass Telephone Company

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jennifer.brue@casscabletv.com

Enclosures

FCC For	rm 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	jbrue@casscomm.com	
	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422	

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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5	(yes / no)	<u>• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • </u>
<111>	year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no)	• ()
<112>	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service. Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.		84IL112.pdf
	Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to cont that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	ve-year	Name of Attached Document
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	,	Yes
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	<u>\</u>	Yes
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve	rove service quality	Yes
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to im	prove service coverage	Yes
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to imp	prove service capacity	Yes
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	-	Yes

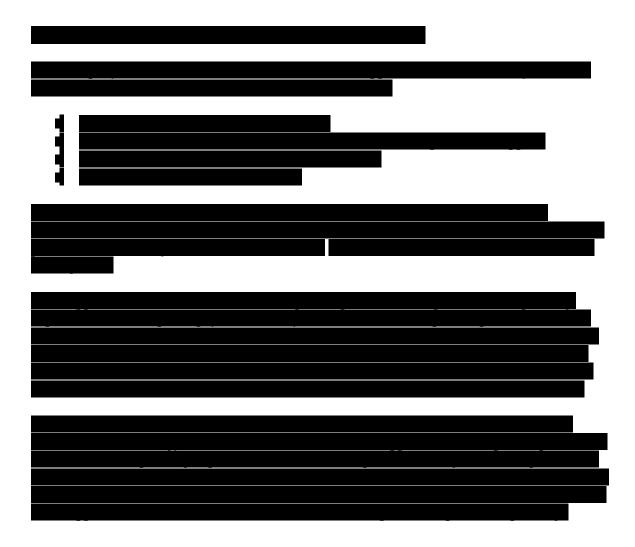
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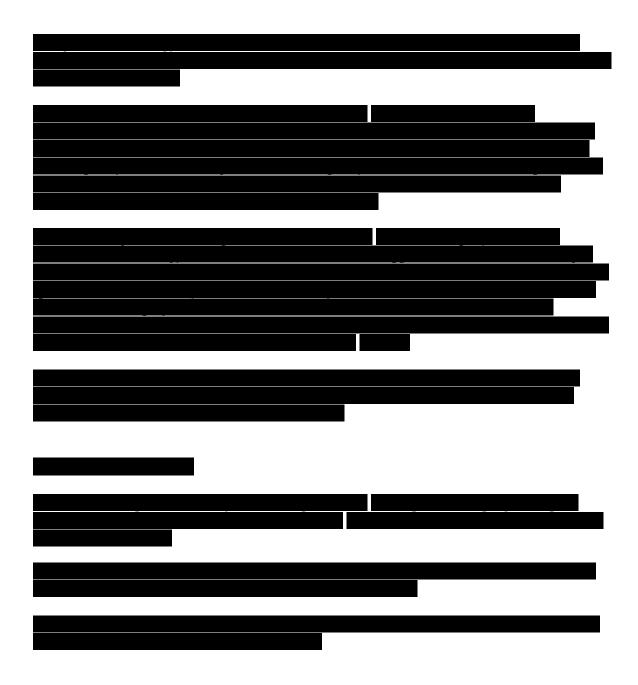
2015 PROGRESS REPORT ON SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

2016 ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSION

INTRODUCTION

This document is an integral part of the 2015 Annual Report of Cass Telephone Company (the Company) as attached to FCC Form 481. It is in compliance with §54.313(a)(1) adopted in the FCC's USF/ICC Transformation Order (11-161) and incorporates all further clarifications identified in subsequent Reconsideration Orders, as applicable, that were in effect at the time the Annual Report was due by Rule, to the requisite regulatory authorities.



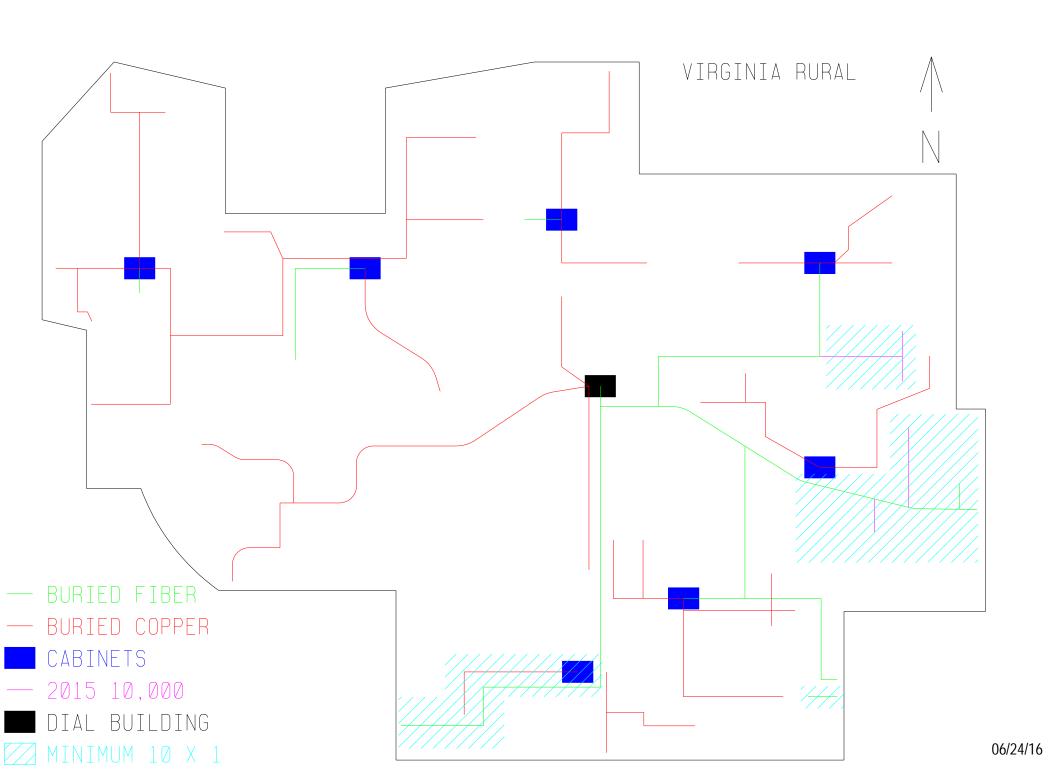


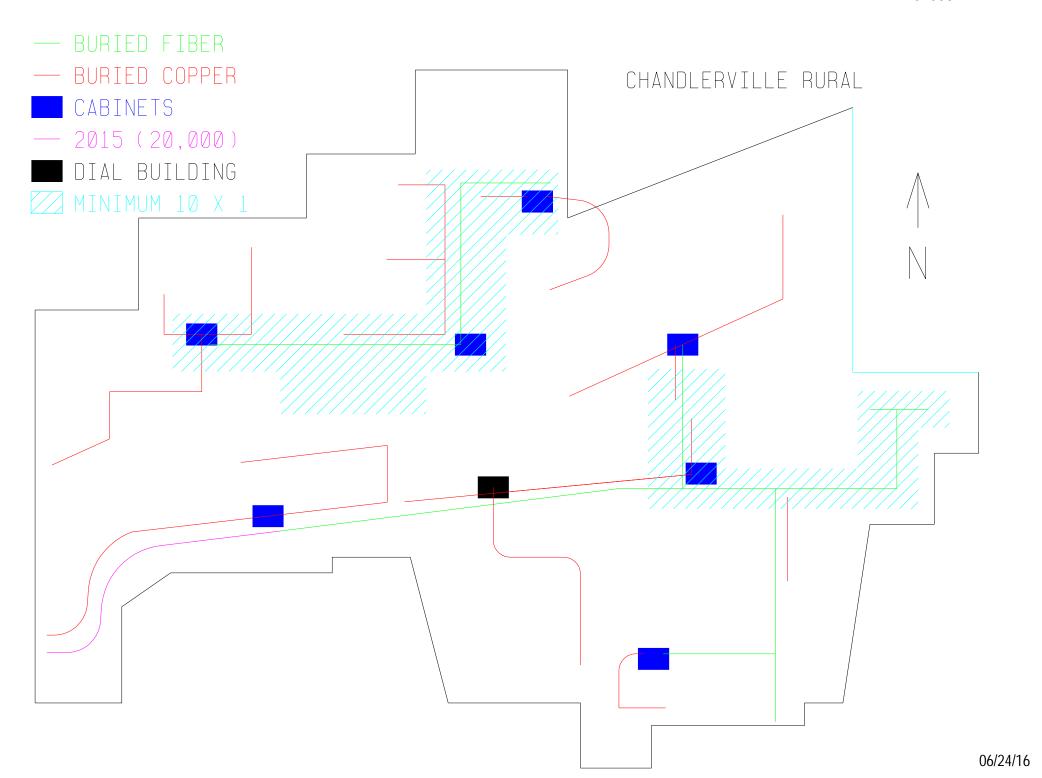
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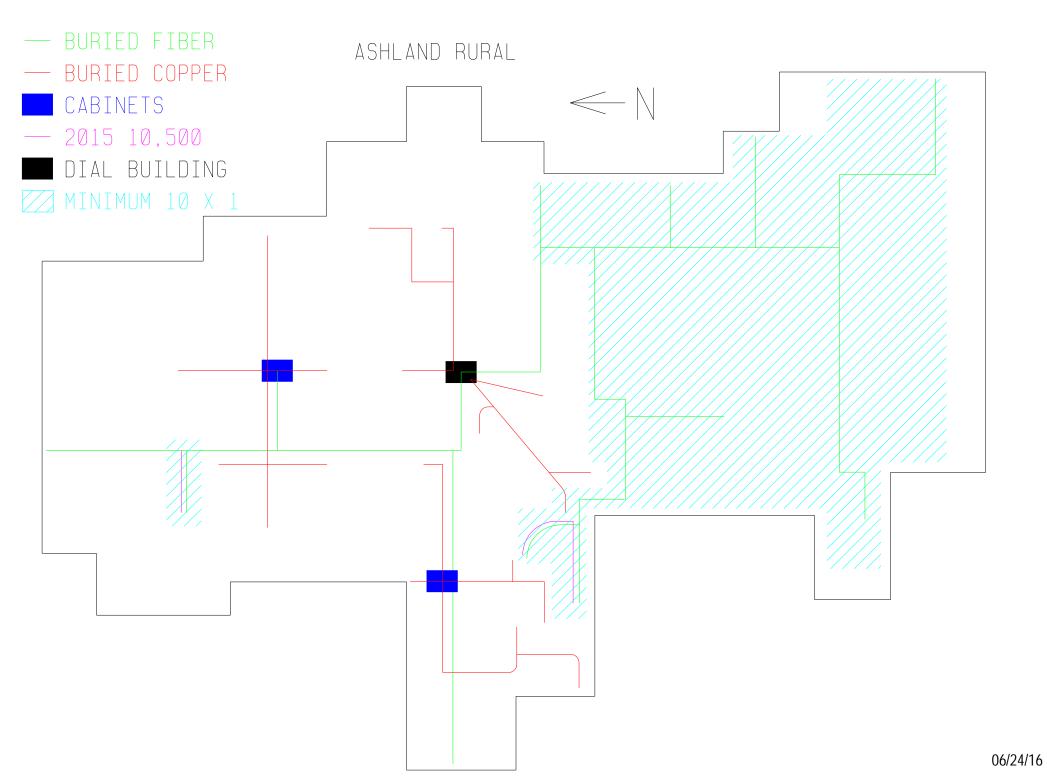
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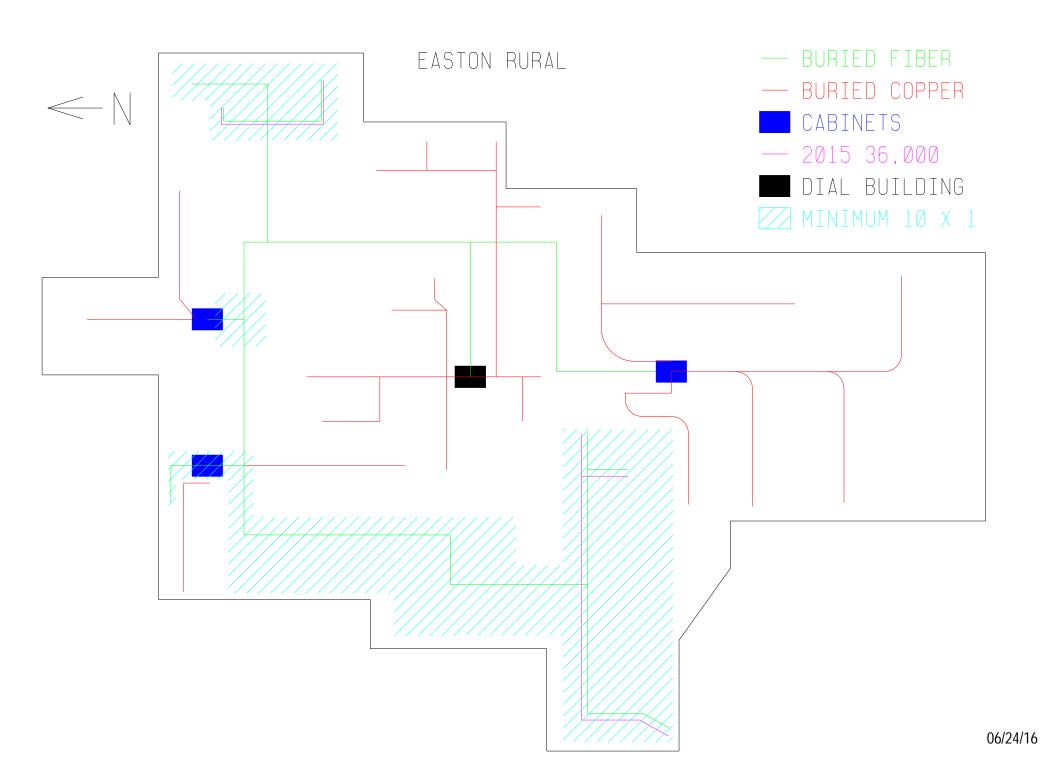
NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS and MAINTENANCE COSTS - For Year 2015 AS OF 2016 ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSION - JULY 1, 2016

Project # - by		COST	COST	REGULATED %	AMOUNT IN USF	%	ALLOCATED	%	ALLOCATED	AREA IMPACTED	POPULATION	TARGET COMPLETION	ACTUAL COMPLETION	ı
Exchange	DESCRIPTION of IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	ALLOCATION	SUPPORT AREA	VOICE	VOICE	BROADBAND	BROADBAND		IMPACTED	DATE (Qtr/Yr)	DATE	Notes









(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
	July 2013

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<015>	Study Area Na	ime				CASS TEL CO						
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<210>	For the prior	calendar yea	ır, were there	any reportat	ole voice serv	ice outages?	No					
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<320>	Unfulfilled service request (broadband)		0]		
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(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers	FCC Form 481
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate had voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice calendar year for each service area in which any facilities you own, operate, lease, or ot	telephony service in the prior nyou are designated an ETC fo	<u>-</u>
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed vo	pice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile	voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate I end-user customer complaints (zero or gre the prior calendar year for each service are an ETC for any facilities you own, operate,	ater) for broadband service in a in which you are designated	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed b	roadband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile	broadband	

	npliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules ection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer pro-	otection rules Yes	
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Ru	340984IL510.pdf ules Compliance	

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Service Quality Standards Compliance

Per Subpart A, Section 730.100 of Title 83, Chapter 1, Subchapter f of the Illinois Administrative Code, Cass Telephone Company is required to meet the service quality standards contained in Section 730. Subpart E of this section addresses "Standards of Quality of Service". Subpart A, Section 730.115 requires the quarterly reporting of various installation, repair and answer time data for Illinois Commerce Commission and public review.

Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

Cass Telephone Company complies with the requirements of 47 CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and Subpart Y, Truth in Billing Requirements for Common Carrier, and Federal Trade Commission Red Flag rules to prevent identity theft. A Company Manual for CPNI and Red Flags is in place and employee training is conducted annually. New hires are instructed on the programs as required by their job functions.

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations		FCC Form 481
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<600> Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes	
<610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	340984IL610.pdf	

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Cass Telephone Company (Cass) hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.202(a)(2)1 and Subpart A, Section 730.325 of Title 83, Chapter 1, Subchapter f of the Illinois Administrative Code.

Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

- 1) Cass has an emergency plan in place per Subpart A, Section 730.325(a) of Title 83, Chapter 1, Subchapter f of the Illinois Administrative Code.
- 2) Cass has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.
- 3) Specifically, Cass has two wire centers. The Virginia central office has a natural gas powered generator backing up a 48 volt battery system which is capable of powering the equipment for 8 hours with no outside power source. The Easton central office has a natural gas powered generator backing up a 48 volt battery system. All remote cabinets have batteries capable of lasting 8 to 10 hours with no outside power source and are equipped with connections for a portable generator. Voice service is powered off either the serving central office or the closest remote cabinet.

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date 1/1/2016 <702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge		

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					Residential Local			Mandatory Extended Area	
	State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
					See at	tached worksheet			
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(710) Broadbrand Price Offerings	FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013

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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated	Total Rate and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select }
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Cass Telephone Company		
<811>	Holding Company	Name Not Available		
<812>	Operating Company	Cass Telephone Company		

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
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	bal Lands Reporting lection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0 July 2013	0819
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<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	Name of Attached Document	
to confi	company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes rm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, strates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to 3(a)(9) includes:	Select Yes or No or Not Applicable	
<921> <922> <923> <924> <925> <926> <927> <926> <927> <928> <929>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions. Feasibility and sustainability planning; Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner; Compliance with Rights of way processes Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements Compliance with Facilities Siting rules Compliance with Environmental Review processes Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.		

•	oice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
Data Con	ection Form		July 2013
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<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes	
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance	34098	84IL1010.pdf
			Name of Attached Document
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification		- Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by Wireline Competition Bureau
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance	34098	34IL1030.pdf
			Name of Attached Document

Voice Services Rate Comparability Information for Cass Telephone Company

As evidenced by the data provided on line 700 of FCC Form 481, the Company's voice service pricing is no more than 2 standard deviations above the national average urban rate (\$47.48) as announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau in April, 2015 (DA 15-470).

Broadband Services Rate Comparability Information for Cass Telephone Company

As evidenced by the data provided on line 710 of FCC Form 481, the Company's broadband service pricing, for services that meet the Commission's broadband public interest obligations, is no more than the applicable 2015 benchmark announced in the public notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau.

•	o Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting lection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	Yes	
<1130>	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 k upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	kbps	

(1200) Te	erms and Condition for Lifeline Customers			FCC Form 481
Lifeline				OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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"Planca cl	heck these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1	210		
	ebsite listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to	1210,		
	(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers mus			
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<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice	V		
	telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,			
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	V		
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<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	~		

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Description of Lifeline Terms and Conditions

Section 15.3 of Cass Telephone Company's ILL. C. C. No. 10 local service tariff outlines the eligibility requirements and the type and amount of support for their implementation of the Lifeline program.

Section 4.1 of that tariff describes the residential local exchange service to which the Lifeline support is applicable. This service includes unlimited local calling minutes.

Cass Telephone Company offers equal access toll calling for all Lifeline customers through available interexchange carriers (IXCs). The rates, terms and conditions of the toll offerings are made by the IXCs.

Cass Telephone Company's application for Lifeline support is attached.



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Full Name		Date of Birth	
Full Address	Street and Apartment Number	Billing Address if Different	Street and Apartment Number
	City		City
	Zip Code and County		Zip Code and County
Address is	Permanent	Social Security #	
	Temporary	Public Aid Case #	
	Are you, your dependents, or your house in one of the p	ehold a participant as of rograms listed below?	this date of application
	Yes		No
	If so, in which program(s	s) do you currently parti	cipate?
	Food Stamps		
	Medicaid		
	Supplemental Security Incon Federal Housing Assistance F		
	Low-Income Home Energy A		AP)
	fits do you wish to apply?	_	
	onnect Fee Assistance (waiver of up to 509		
	ocal Exchange Service Assistance (Assistan		
UISAP AS	ssistance (Supplemental Initial Telephone	Connection Fee Assistan	ce)
within 30 days Lifeline benefit provide that ac to the best of r certification is information to eligibility for Li	of perjury, I confirm that I meet program if for any reason I no longer satisy the case, or another member of my household address to the ETC within 30 days. I unders my knowledge my household is not alread true and correct to the best of my I receive Lifeline benefits is punishable befeline at any time. Any failure to re-certilitieline benefits.	criteria for receiving Life receiving a Lifeline ben- tand that a household v ly receiving a Lifeline se knowledge. I understa y law and that I may I	eline including receiving more than one efit. If I move to a new address, I will vill receive only one Lifeline service and, rvice. The information contained in this and that providing false or fraudulent be required to re-certify my continued
SIGNED		TELEPHONE #	

EXHIBIT A

ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS LIFELINE PROGRAMS CONSENT FORM

NAME:	
DATE OF BIRTH:	
LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY N	UMBER:
	elecommunication carrier permission to verify with the Illino or not I am entitled to public assistance benefits as of the date thereafter.
Signed Name	

(2000) Price C	ap Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
Data Collectio	on Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
Including Rate	o-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	July 2013
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Select the a	appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as	a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions,
and Conne	ct America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The	information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.
Inc	remental Connect America Phase I reporting	
<2010>	2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the J	uly 1
	2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incrementa	
	Support	
2011		
<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the J	·
	2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incrementa	l .
	Support	
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of	
\2022>	acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in	
	question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives	
	Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for	
	projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4	
	Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.	
20022 5	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total and	upt of
<2023>		ulit 0i
	capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect	
	America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of	census census
	blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two -	
	54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of incremental support:	
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in	- I
	two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Required Information
<2025A>	Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	
1202577		
<202EPs	Attach googadad Information for Phase I milestone reports (Pause	1 for Name of Attached Document Listing
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round	= -
	year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , Wo	Required Information
	Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-	
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)	
-	- ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' '	

Data Collection For	rrier Additional Documentation (Continued) m eturn Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
<2016>	Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)} Certification support used to build broadband	
	: America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}	
<2017A>	Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?	
<2017B>	Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2018>	cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015. Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2019>	Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)	
<2020>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)	
<2021>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)	
<2026>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)	
<2027>	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)	

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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)				
		Y	es - Att	ach Certifica	tion
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}				340984IL3010.pdf
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Docu Information	ıment Lis	ting Required	
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Community	Anchors		
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Docu Information	ıment Lis	ting Required	
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	O	0	
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	O	•	
(3015)	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)				
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		L		
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Docu Information	ment Lis	ting Required	
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	(Yes/No)	•	0	
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers			<i>v</i>	
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows			~	
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:			~	
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers				
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant				
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.				
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				240004TT 2026 pdf
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Docu Information	ıment Lis	ting Required	340984IL3026.pdf

Cass Telephone Company

Rate-of-Return Carrier Broadband Service Certification

The Company certifies it has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/2 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to reasonably comparable offerings in urban areas, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

(3005a) Operating Report for Privately-Held Rate of Return C	arriers			rec 100
Balance Sheet - Data Collection Form	arriers			FCC Form 481
balance Sheet - Data Confection (Only				OMB Control No. 3060-0986
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<039: Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in d			217-452-7800 jbrue@casscomm.com	
Filed as reviewed single company Filed as reviewed consolidated company	H		Filed as audited single company	X
Filed as subsidiary of reviewed consolidated company	Н		Filed as audited consolidated company Filed as subsidairy of audited consolidated company	H
			,	
We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance vij	th the accounts and o	ther records of the syn	ATION stem and reflect the status of the system to the best of our kno	wledge and belief.
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	PART A. BALA BALANCE END OF PERIOD	NCE SHEET LIABILTIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR BALANCE END OF YEAR PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS	127111		CURRENT LIABILITIES	TEAR FERIOD
Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable	
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable	
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments	
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits	
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	
c. Notes Receivable 4. Non-Affiliates:		E 8	30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev. 31. Current MatCapital Leases	+
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued	
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued	
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities	
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT	
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	+
Prepayments Other Current Assets			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes 38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes	+
Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other	
			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan	
NONCURRENT ASSETS			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt	
Investment in Affiliated Companies			42. Reacquired Debt	
a. Rural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease	
b. Nonrural Development			Adv. From Affiliated Companies Other Long-Term Debt	+
Other Investments a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt 46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	
b. Nonrural Development			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS	and the second
3. Nonregulated Investments			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities	
4. Other Noncurrent Assets			48. Other Deferred Credits	
5. Deferred Charges			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences	
6. Jurisdictional Differences			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)	
7. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			EQUITY	3 588
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			u	
8. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			53. Treasury Stock	
9. Property Held for Future Use			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates	
0. Plant Under Construction			55. Other Capital	
1. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			56. Patronage Capital Credits	
2. Less Accumulated Depreciation			57. Retained Earnings or Margins	
3. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)	
4. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)	
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(3005b) Operating Report for Privately-Held Rate of Return Carriers	FCC Form 481
Income Statement - Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986
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-	PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARINGS OR MARGINS	_		
1	Local Network Services Revenues	+	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
2.		+		_
2.	Network Access Services Revenues Long Distance Network Services Revenues	-		
1	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues	+	-	
5.				-
6.	Miscellaneous Revenues	+		-
7.	Uncollectible Revenues Not Operating Poyogues (1 thru E less 6)	-		-
0	Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6) Plant Specific Operations Expense			-
9.				-
0.	Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization) Depreciation Expense	+		-
1.	Amortization Expense	-		-
2.	Customer Operations Expense	-		-
3.		+		-
4.	Corporate Operations Expense	+		-
	Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)			-
5.	Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	+		-
6.	Other Operating Income and Expenses	+		-
7.	State and Local Taxes	-		-
8.	Federal Income Taxes	_	-	-
9.	Other Taxes	-		
0.	Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	+		
1.	Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	+	-	-
2.	Interest on Funded Debt	+		-
3.	Interest Expense - Capital Leases	-		-
4.	Other Interest Expense	+		-
5.	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	+	-	_
6.	Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)	+		-
7.	Nonoperating Net Income	+		
8.	Extraordinary Items	\perp		_
9.	Jurisdictional Differences	+		_
0.	Nonregulated Net Income	+		_
1.	Total Net Income or margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)	+		_
2.	Total Taxes Based on Income	\perp		_
3.	Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year	+		_
4.	Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date	\perp		_
5.	Dividends Declared (Common)	+		_
6.	Dividends Declared (Preferred)	\perp		_
7.	Other Debits Year-to-Date - Distributions	+		_
8.	Transfers to Patronage Capital	-		-
9.	Retained Earnings or Margins end-of-Period [(31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38)]	+		
0.	Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year	+		
1.	Transfers to Patronage Capital	+		
2.	Patronage Capital Credits Retired	-		
3.	Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)	+		
4.	Annual Debt Service Payments	+		
5.	Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11)/7]	+		
6.	Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26)/7]	+		
7.	TIER [(31+26)/26]	+		
8.	DSCR [(31+26+10+11)/44]			

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(3005c) Operating Report for Privately-Held Rate of Return Carriers	FCC Form 481
Cash Flow - Data Collection Form	OMB Control No. 3060-0986
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1. Beginning Cach (Cach and Equivalents plus NUS Construction Fund) 2. Net Income Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities 3. Add: Depreciation 4. Add: Anonitation 5. Other (Explain) 5. Other (Explain) 6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable 7. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable 8. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable 9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets 9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Cache 9. Decrease/(Increase) in Order Current Cache 9. Decrease/(Increase) in Order Current Cache 9. Other (Explain) 9. Net Cache (Inclained) Other Current Cache 9. Increase/(Increase) in Order Lativities 9. Increase/(Increase) in Order Current Assets 9. Other (Explain) 9. Increase/(Increase) in Order Current Assets 9. Other (Explain) 9. Increase/(Increase) in Order Cache 9. Other (Explain) 9. Increase/(Increase) in Order Cache 9. Other (Explain) 9.		DADT C CTATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
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	Adjustments to Reconcile Net	Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities
	Changes i	n Operating Assets and Liabilities
	CASH FLOV	/S FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES
	7. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Mati	rrities)
Less: Payment of Dividends - Distributions Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired Other (Explain) Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment Other Long-Term Investments Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences - I Other (Explain) Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Ending Cash		nd Capital Certificates & Other Capital
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		atronage Capital
	7. Other (Explain)	



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Cass Telephone Company Virginia, Illinois 62691

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Cass Telephone Company (an Illinois S corporation), which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of income, retained earnings, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cass Telephone Company as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Marlett & Associates CPAs, Ltd.

Springfield, Illinois May 6, 2016

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Financial Data Summary	
(3027) Revenue	
,	
(3028) Operating Expenses	
(3029) Net Income	
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	
(
(3031) Total Assets	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3032) Total Debt	
(3033) Total Equity	
(3034) Dividends	

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations - FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

speed and data usage allowances available in the

relevant geographic area.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier: CASS TEL CO

Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE

Date 06/29/2016

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Mike Reynolds

Title or position of Authorized Officer: $^{ extstyle{ t Vice}}$ $^{ extstyle{ t President}}$

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2174527800 ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 340984 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016

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Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form			FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
<010>	Study Area Code	340984	
<015>	Study Area Name	CASS TEL CO	
<020>	Program Year	2017	
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Jennifer Brue	
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	2174527800 ext.	
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	jbrue@casscomm.com	·

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent) also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carr agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the report	is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carry responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authoriz data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:		
Name of Reporting Carrier:		
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date:	
Printed name of Authorized Officer:		
Title or position of Authorized Officer:		
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:		
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent	Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipien	nts on Behalf of Reporting Carrier
	norized to submit the annual reports for universal service support reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Name of Reporting Carrier:		
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:		
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:		Date:
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:		
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agen	i	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of A	gent:	
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(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data	FCC Form 481
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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date 1/1/2016 <702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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				Residential Local			Mandatory Extended Area	
State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees
IL	Ashland		FR	21.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.6
IL	Chandlerville		FR	21.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.6
IL	Easton		FR	21.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.6
IL	Virginia		FR	21.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.6
IL	Ashland-Safety Line		FR	17.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.7
IL	Chandlerville-Safety Line		FR	17.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.7
IL	Easton-Safety Line		FR	17.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.7
IL	Virginia-Safety Line		FR	17.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.7

(710)	Broadband Price	Offerin
Data	Collection Form	

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	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached {select}
	IL	Ashland	49.95	0.0	49.95	4.0	1.0	999999	Other, n/a
	IL	Chandlerville	49.95	0.0	49.95	4.0	1.0	999999	Other, n/a
	IL	Easton	49.95	0.0	49.95	4.0	1.0	999999	Other, n/a
	IL	Virginia	49.95	0.0	49.95	4.0	1.0	999999	Other, n/a
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(800) Operating Companies	FCC Form 481
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Cass Telephone Company	
<811>	Holding Company	Name Not Available	
<812>	Operating Company	Cass Telephone Company	

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
_	Cass Cable TV, Inc.		
_	Greene County Partners		
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